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- 25X1 1. Walter Ulbricht has described SMA Order #234 (Measures to Increase Production) as a useful weapon for the SED in its fight for its political aims. According to Ulbricht this order will be used primarily to combat the "Nazis and saboteurs" in the factories. He stressed that further SMA directives are to be expected and that labor camps will be used to punish transgressors.
  - In a private conversation Ulbricht indicated the methods to be followed. The SED men in a factory will be the "shock troops" who will check each worker's production. "SPD and CDU followers will hesitate before conducting propaganda for Kaiser or Schamacher. Perhaps they will decide it is safer to stop these activities and get to work." The new order will also put an end to absenteeism for food-buying expeditions. Anyone who is absent for even one hour without a sick certificate will be punished. The Stakhapov system will be introduced with workers and factories in competition for premiums.

Comment: Ulbricht hinted that sick certificates will be issued to factory 25X1A doctors who will be instructed to cortify only cases of serious illness as under the DAF (Deutscherarbeitsfront) system during the Nazi regime.)

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